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The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street SW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Whitman:

Enclosed is correspondence that I have received from a constituent of mine, Mr. Rodney Gibbons, General Manager of Whitton Container Inc., a business in my Congressional District, regarding a problem he states his company has encountered with your agency. Mr. Gibbons states that the EPA is incorrect in holding his company responsible for the disposal of hazardous substances in the Skinner Landfill in West Chester, Ohio. He further states that the settlement amount required by the EPA far exceeds what Whitton Container Inc. can afford.

I would very much appreciate it if you would take the time to carefully review the enclosed correspondence, make it part of any public record, and provide me with a copy of your response to Whitton Container Inc.

I respectfully request that you give Whitton Container Inc. every and full consideration in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations in the resolution of this matter. Please advise as to any assistance my office can provide.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact my Constituent Liaison, Matthew B. Clark, at (513) 684-2723. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot

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Enclosure